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TAGS: PFOR PINT SOPN SHUM SHUL UR

SUBJECT: VLADIMIR SLEPAK DISCUSSES EMBASSY POLICY ON DISSIDENT  
CONTACTS WITH NY TIMES CORRESPONDENT SHIPLER AT SLEPAK/  
BURRELL WEDDING

REF: MOSCOW 3590, MOSCOW 6522, MOSCOW 7519, STATE 122482

1. ELAINE BURRELL AND ALEKSANDR SLEPAK WERE MARRIED WITHOUT  
INCIDENT AT MOSCOW'S CENTRAL WEDDING PALACE MAY 31. WEDDING  
PARTY OF APPROXIMATELY 15 PEOPLE WAS HANDLED IN NORMAL ASSEMBLY-  
LINE FASHION AND NO POLICE PRESENCE WAS VISIBLE.

2. CONSOFF WHO ATTENDED WEDDING AT MS BURRELL'S  
REQUEST HEARD CONVERSATION BETWEEN VLADIMIR SLEPAK AND NEW YORK  
TIMES CORRESPONDENT DAVID SHIPLER ABOUT EMBASSY'S POLICY ON  
CONTACT WITH SOVIET DISSIDENTS. SLEPAK NOTED THAT EMBASSY  
OFFICERS, INCLUDING PRESEL, HAD NOT SEEN HIM RECENTLY (I.E.  
NOT SINCE SLEPAK HAD BEEN DENIED ADMISSION TO PRESEL'S APARTMENT),  
ALTHOUGH HE AND PRESEL TALK OFTEN BY TELEPHONE. SLEPAK  
FURTHER STATED THAT PRESEL HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE AMBASSADOR  
HAD INSTRUCTED PRESEL NOT TO VISIT HIM. (PRESEL HAS NEVER TOLD  
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SLEPAK OF ANY AMBASSADORIAL OR OTHER PROHIBITION ON CONTACTS).  
WHEN SHIPLER ASKED IF THIS POLICY APPLIED TO EMBASSY OFFICERS OTHER  
THAN PRESEL, SLEPAK REPLIED THAT NO OTHER EMBASSY OFFICER HAD  
VISITED HIM. SHIPLER RHETORICALLY ASKED "WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR  
CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY?" AND INDICATED TO SLEPAK  
THAT HE SAW A "STORY" IN SUPPOSED CONTRAST BETWEEN EMBASSY  
POLICY ON DISSIDENT CONTACTS AND THE ADMINISTRATION'S HUMAN

RIGHTS POLICY.

3. IN VIEW OF SHIPLER'S CONVERSATION WITH SLEPAK AND  
WALLACE'S RECENT DIGGING ON SIMILAR STORY, (REFTELS) IT  
APPEARS LIKELY THAT SOME VARIANT OF STORY WILL SOON BE PUBLISHED.  
EMBASSY, OF COURSE, CONTINUES TO CLOSELY MONITOR DISSIDENT AFFAIRS,  
IN PART THROUGH OCCASIONAL MEETINGS BETWEEN EMBASSY OFFICERS  
AND SOVIET DISSIDENTS, ALTHOUGH PRESEL'S ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN  
LIMITED BECAUSE OF CONTINUING HARASSMENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIM.  
IF SHIPLER INQUIRES RE SUBSTANCE OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH  
SLEPAK, WE INTEND TO REPLY ALONG LINES PREVIOUSLY USED WITH  
WALLACE OF UPI AND GUIDANCE PROVIDED STATE REFTEL.  
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